IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 040301/0635

Applicant: Yoshimitsu SHIMOJO et al.

Title: PACKET SWITCH AND PACKET SWITCHING METHOD USING PRIORITY CONTROL BASED ON CONGESTION STATUS WITHIN PACKET SWITCH

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: